1   1.   A communications device comprising:

2   a processor; and

3   a storage coupled to said processor, said storage

4   storing instructions that enable the processor to record

5   ambient sounds and to play back those ambient sounds when a

6   incoming call is being received.

1   2.   The device of claim 1 wherein said device is a

2   cellular telephone.

1   3.   The device of claim 1 including a speaker and a

2   microphone coupled to said processor.

1   4.   The device of claim 1 including caller

2   identification to identify incoming callers.

1   5.   The device of claim 4 wherein said storage stores

2   instructions that enable the processor to match a caller

3   identification to a recorded sound and to automatically

4   play back the recorded sound when a given caller calls.

1   6.   The device of claim 1 wherein said storage stores

2   instructions to automatically playback a stored sound

3   enabling the user to indicate whether or not the storage

4   stored sound is acceptable.

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1   7.   A method comprising:

2   enabling a user to record a sound to be played

3 back when a call is received; and

4   automatically playing back the sound when a call

5 is received.

1   8.   The method of claim 7 including mapping a caller

2 identification to a recorded sound and automatically

3 playing back the recorded sound when a call from a

4 particular caller is received.

1   9.   The method of claim 7 including automatically

2 playing back a sound after a sound is recorded and enabling

3 the user to indicate whether or not the sound is

4 acceptable.

1   10.   The method of claim 7 including enabling the user

2 to record a user supplied sound.

1   11.   The method of claim 10 including enabling a user

2 to record the verbalization of the user's name.

1   12.   The method of claim 7 including enabling the user

2 to record a unique distinctive sound to be played back when

3 a call is received.

1   13. An article comprising a medium storing

2   instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

3   record ambient sounds; and

4   determine when an incoming call is being received

5   and automatically play back said ambient sounds when an

6   incoming call is being received.

1   14. The article of claim 13 further storing

2   instructions that enable a processor-based system to

3   associate a recorded sound with a caller identification and

4   when a caller identification is received automatically play

5   back the sound.

1   15. The article of claim 13 further storing

2   instructions that enable the processor-based system to

3   record a sound, automatically play back the sound, and

4   determine whether the user approves the sound.

1   16. A cellular telephone comprising:

2   a baseband chipset;

3   a radio frequency chipset coupled to said

4   baseband chipset; and

5   a memory storing instructions that enable the

6   baseband chipset to record ambient sounds and to play back

7   those ambient sounds when an incoming call is being

8   received through said radio frequency chipset.

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1   17.   The telephone of claim 16 including a speaker and
2 a microphone coupled to said baseband chipset.

1   18.   The telephone of claim 16 including caller
2 identification to identify incoming callers.

1   19.   The telephone of claim 18 wherein said storage
2 stores instructions that enable the baseband chipset to
3 match a caller identification to a recorded sound and to
4 automatically play back the recorded sound when a given
5 caller calls.